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(U) Los Angeles – Vehicle Injures One Person after Driving Through Protest

(U) A truck drove through a group of protesters in Hollywood yesterday night, striking at least one person as it sped through the crowd, according to the police and news footage from the scene. Officers stopped and identified the motorist, although they didn't immediately arrest him. The motorist told them that protesters had attacked his car first. An ambulance transported at least one person to a hospital with minor injuries. That person was in stable condition and refused to cooperate with police.

SOURCE: 24 September 2020, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Paso Robles – White Supremacist Gang Member Killed After Shooting Deputy

(U) A man killed by sheriff's deputies after he shot and wounded a deputy in a central California cemetery has been identified as a convicted felon and white supremacist gang member. The man opened fire on deputies while hiding behind bushes after he ran from his car in Paso Robles. By that time more deputies arrived and they engaged in a gun battle where the suspect was struck and pronounced dead at the scene.

SOURCE: 25 September 2020, [Mercury News](#)

(U) San Diego – Homicides Spike in First Half of 2020, Other Crimes Drop

(U) San Diego County faced a 37 percent spike in homicides in the first half of 2020 over the same period last year, while other violent crimes like robberies and rapes dropped, according to a report released Tuesday. The region recorded 52 homicides in the first half of 2020, with spikes in March and April. The county logged 38 homicides during the same six-month period last year.

SOURCE: 23 September 2020, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

(U) San Francisco – San Francisco Sues 28 Alleged Drug Dealers

(U) San Francisco sued 28 alleged drug dealers who frequent a downtown neighborhood where broad daylight drug dealing and drug use is common, in an effort to clean up the area that has seen the city's largest number of overdose deaths. Those who violate the court order would face arrest on misdemeanor charges, a \$6,000 fine and the seizure of drugs and money. The move comes after a 70% spike in overdose deaths in 2019, when 441 people died, more than half of them from fentanyl overdoses.

SOURCE: 25 September 2020, [Mercury News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Facebook Suspends Fake Russian Accounts

(U) Washington – Facebook said it had dismantled three networks of fake accounts which could be used by Russia's intelligence services to leak hacked documents as part of efforts to disrupt the upcoming US election. The company said the accounts, which it suspended for using fake identities and other types of

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"coordinated inauthentic behavior," were linked to Russian intelligence and people associated with a St. Petersburg-based organization accused by US officials of working to sway the 2016 presidential vote.
SOURCE: 24 September 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) South Dakota – Man Accused Of Threatening To Shoot US President at Rushmore Event

(U) Rapid City – A Rapid City man accused of threatening to climb to the top of Mount Rushmore and shoot President Donald Trump during an Independence Day celebration on 3 July has been charged in federal court. Lucian Celestine, 29, has been indicted on charges of threats against the president and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person. He faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.
SOURCE: 24 September 2020, [US News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Two Journalist Stabbed near Charlie Hebdo's Old Offices

(U) Paris – French authorities opened an anti-terror investigation after two journalists were stabbed in Paris today near the former offices of the Charlie Hebdo satirical magazine that was attacked by Islamist militants in 2015. Authorities reported the main suspect was arrested, was known to security services, and was born in Pakistan. The national anti-terrorism prosecutor's office said it was investigating.
SOURCE: 25 September 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Russia – Putin Say Russia and US Should Agree Not To Meddle In Elections

(U) Moscow – Russian president Vladimir Putin called today for an agreement between Russia and the United States to guarantee not to engage in cyber-meddling in each other's elections. In a statement ahead of the US presidential election on 3 November, Putin called for a reset between Russia and the United States and said he wanted an agreement between the two countries to prevent incidents in cyberspace.
SOURCE: 25 September 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Turkey – Authorities Arrest Six ISIS Suspects

(U) Duzce – Six Iraqi nationals with suspected links to ISIS were arrested in northwestern Turkey, security sources said yesterday. Prosecutors in Turkey's northwestern Duzce province issued arrest warrants for the six suspects, who are allegedly bomb experts and senior members of the terror group.
SOURCE: 24 September 2020, [AA](#)

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